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District of Minneapolis Public Schools:

This letter is in regards to concerns we as the Polar Parent Organization have around procedures and the order of operations when it comes to the athletic department. Recently a post was put on Facebook on behalf of the athletic department soliciting funds for the football team meals. The parent organization has been providing meals for the team this entire season and we were not contacted by this individual nor the athletic department to offer support for our current efforts. They created an entirely separate initiative which we find to be un-inclusive and counterproductive to the inclusive culture we're trying to foster at North High.

Solicitation for funds are being requested however there are no follow up communications regarding how much was collected and how those resources have been used within the Athletic Department. There have also been several occasions where buses have not been ordered for our teams or have been ordered at the last minute when they travel to off-site games and the buses don't show up. The most recent incident of this was for last night's section volleyball game at Prairie Seeds Academy. There was no bus and coaches had to drive the players to the game, this is unacceptable and violates the district policy. A donation in the amount of \$1,000 was made for Athletics that was either not used for the Athletic Department or is unaccounted for. There is also rumor that \$8,000 came up missing and has not been accounted for as of today. As parents of Minneapolis Public School students we are requesting to see the books and understand how the Athletic Department operates.

Major concerns we as parents would like to address are:

1. \$8,000 missing from May 2017
2. soliciting funds on behalf of the team
3. Golf Tournament in June. How much was raised and how were funds allocated? This was a fundraiser benefitting the North High Athletic Program
4. \$1,000 donation, what was it used for?
5. How are ticket sales and concessions managed or balance out?
6. What is the athletic department budget for our school and how have funds been used the past two years?



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we help to build at North High School.

Sincerely,

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